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FROM USREP DOWNS/ICAO, FOR IO ASST SEC MAYNES AND EB ASST SEC KATZ

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: KOREAN AIRLINE FLIGHT FORCED DOWN IN USSR

REF: A. MONTREAL 1128 (NOTAL), B. MONTREAL 898

1. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE USREP TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN DEMANDING THE UPGRADING OF INTERCEPTION PROCEDURES FOLLOWING APRIL 20 USSR SHOOTING DOWN OF KOREAN FLIGHT 902 AND U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WAS SO ADVISED. OVER USSR STRONG OBJECTION MATTER WAS REFERRED BY ICAO COUNCIL TO ANC FOR ACTION. (REF MONTREAL 1128 AND COUNCIL MINUTES (OPEN) 94/7 OF JULY 11, 1978.)

2. USREP'S CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH IFALPA REPRESENTATIVE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN IFALPA'S PRESIDENT NOT MAKING PUBLIC DENUNCIATION OF ICAO'S FAILURE TO UPGRADE INTERCEPTION STANDARDS INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS. USREP'S OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS SURROUNDING THIS WAS LIMITED TO DEBRIEFING OF KOREAN PILOT. INFORMALLY USREP DISCUSSED COMMUNICATION WITH FINNISH REP AND VERIFIED MEDIA STOREIS INCLUDING "ECONOMIST" OF APRIL 29, 1978, WHICH APPEARED TO BE TRUE.

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3. INFORMATION GATHERED BY IFALPA BY INQUIRY TO STATES INDICATES AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT K902 MADE VHF COMMUNICATION INTERCEPTED BY SVALBARD WHICH AT A MINIMUM SHOWS K902 TO HAVE BEEN GROSSLY OFF COURSE IN THAT VHF FROM HIS PRESUMED ALTITUDE AND EXTENDED TO A RADIUS OF 210 NAUTICAL MILES. USREP HAS USED PRESSURE ON MR. GAUSTAD (ICAO, CHIEF RAC/SAR) WHO WILL BE DRAFTING THE FRAME OF REFERENCE OF ANC INQUIRIES INTO UPGRADING

STANDARDS.

4. IMMEDIATELY IFALPA HAS PROVIDED WHAT WILL CONSTITUTE THEIR WORKING PAPER WHICH INCLUDES COMPREHENSIVE POSITIONS ON AIR TO AIR TO GROUND COMMUNICATIONS AND SAFETY PROCEDURES TO BE USED INVOLVING TRANS-POLAR FLIGHTS I.E. ABOVE 68 DEGREE. IFALPA'S ROUGH DRAFT WORKING PAPER TTO BE FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER (TO IO/TRC) AS WELL AS LETTER FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, ICELAND INCLUDING IFALPA'S SCHEMATIC CONCEPT OF THE TRACK OF K902.

5. USREP IS HAMPEREDY BY PAUCITY OF FACTS INVOLVING ACTUAL INTERCEPTION ESPECIALLY POINTS OF INTECEPTION OF TRANSMISSION OF K902. HIS CREDIBILITY IN DEALING IN THE DAKR WITH IFALPA, IATA EXPERTS IS FELT. USREP IS A COMMERCIAL PILOT AND NAVIGATOR HIMSELF, WAS CLEARED FOR TOP SECRET WHILE ATTENDING AIR COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL, MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA. URGENTLY NEEDS TO BE KEP INFORMED RE MATTERS SUCH AS THIS.

6. ON MAY 4 IN MONTREAL 898 USREP REQUESTED THAT INQUIRY BE MADE AS TO WHETHER K902 TRIED TO CONTACT OTHER GROUND STATIONS ON OTHER FREQUENCIES, FOR EXAMPLE WEST SPITSBERGEN. THIS INFORMATION HAS NOW BEEN PROVIDED BY IFALPA THROUGH DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ICELAND.

7. RECAPITULATION OF K902 POSITION REPORTS SHOWS NAVIGATION ERROR - UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR EXAMPLE, AT 1638 HOURS HIS LINE OF SIGHT TRANSMISSION WAS HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR AT SPITSBERGEN (SVALBARD) -- AND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN ALASKA.

QUERY: WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT ANCHORAGE DID RECEIVE?
WAS SEARCH AND RESCUE ALERTED?
DID ALERT GO OUT FROM US AND CANADA WHEN K902 WAS OVERDUE?

8. MUCH CAN BE LEARNED AND THE SAFETY OF CIVIL AVIATION ENHANCED BY FINDING OUT WHY EXISTING SYSTEM DID NOT WORK.
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